

**USAO – Northern Indiana – Week in Review Hammond, South Bend and Fort Wayne Federal Courts
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WEEK IN REVIEW – HAMMOND

Hammond, Indiana — The United States Attorney's Office announced the following activity in Federal Court:
DISPOSITIONS

Dandre Lamote Hall, 33, of Hammond, Indiana was sentenced to 84 months imprisonment with 3 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine. According to documents filed in this case, on September 19, 2013, the defendant knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nicholas J. Padilla.

Bart Lombard, 58, of Michigan City, Indiana, was sentenced 12 months' probation with a special condition of 12 months home detention. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$36,671 to the Internal Revenue Service, along with a \$75 special assessment following his convictions for three misdemeanor offenses for failing to file federal income tax returns for tax years 2008 through 2010, while earning taxable income as deputy trustee of the Michigan City Township Trustee's Office, LaPorte County, Indiana, and as director of operations for Access LaPorte County, Indiana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United State Attorneys Gary Bell and Dean Lanter.

WEEK IN REVIEW – SOUTH BEND

South Bend, Indiana — The United States Attorney's Office announced the following activity in Federal Court:
PLEAS

Brandon Heuer, 28, of Michigan City, Indiana pled guilty to the felony offense of conspiring to distribute heroin. The magistrate is recommending that the district court accept the tendered guilty plea. Parties have 14 days in which to object to the magistrate judge's recommendation. This charge was filed as a result of an investigation by Drug Enforcement Administration. Sentencing has been set for June 11, 2015. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

If convicted in court, any specific sentence to be imposed will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS

Adrian Williams, 42, of La Porte Indiana was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with 2 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of manufacturing marijuana. According to documents filed in this case, on September 21, 2013, law enforcement came to a building Williams owned in La Porte County. Officers found a marijuana grow in the building owned by Williams. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Ronnie Seward, 26, of South Bend, Indiana was sentenced to 63 months imprisonment with 4 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of knowingly or intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance cocaine base (crack). According to documents filed in this case, on April 10, 2014, Seward possessed a package containing a white rocklike substance that he believed was cocaine base (crack). He possessed the item in a residence in South Bend, Indiana, which is in the Northern District of Indiana. It was his intent to sell the substance. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Schaffer.

Marie Henderson, 36, of Bristol, Indiana was sentenced to 24 months imprisonment with 1 years supervised release and restitution of \$99,786.64 after pleading guilty to the felony offense of willfully aiding, assisting and advising in the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service, of U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns, Forms 1040 which were false as to a material matter. According to documents filed in this case, on From 2009 through 2012, Henderson was the sole owner and employee of Four Seasons Finance, a tax return preparation business which she operated out of her home in Bristol, Indiana. She was a tax return preparer and clients paid for her services to prepare and file electronically their tax returns. Henderson learned how to prepare tax returns, having learned the process while working at H & R Block from 2004-2008. The 1040 Returns she prepared for many of her clients contained materially false information in the form of Schedule C deductions. These Schedule C deductions consisted of false business income, business mileage, and/or false car and truck expenses. These expenses were not supported by any documentation nor was the information provided to her by the client. Henderson purposely prepared the Schedule C deductions so that her clients would receive larger tax refunds than what they legitimately deserved. In particular, she prepared tax returns for FBR and his wife WER in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The couples' sources of income consisted of pension retirement benefits, military disability payments, social security disability payments and investment interest.

Specifically, she prepared for the tax year 2010, Form 1040 Tax Return for her clients FBR and WER. These clients provided her with documentation associated with the sources of income stated above. Henderson prepared the Form 1040 and included Schedule C, which listed a false mileage claim of 100,000 miles and car and truck expenses of \$50,000. Both FBR and WER were retired and neither owned a business, partnership or joint venture in which business expenses could be legitimately claimed. By supplying this false information, the 2010 Tax return showed a business loss of \$50,000 which generated an incorrect adjusted gross income tax figure and with their deductions, garnered them a refund of \$4,955. She purposely electronically filed this return with the false information she added to the return. She does not dispute the IRS records deemed this return filed on March 7, 2011. Henderson agreed the return contained truthful information related to business expenses, the 2010 Form 1040 should not have reflected a refund due of \$4,955. This case was the result of an investigation by the Internal Revenue Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barbara Brook.

WEEK IN REVIEW – FORT WAYNE

Fort Wayne, Indiana — The United States Attorney's Office announced the following activity in Federal Court: DISPOSITIONS

Martin Gonzalez Medina, 51, of Indianapolis, Indiana was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment with 4 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession with intent to distribute marijuana. According to documents filed in this case, on or about April 28, 2014, Medina did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Indiana State Police, Fort Wayne Police Department, IMAGE Drug Task Force, Noble County Sheriff's Department and the Steuben County Sheriff's Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony W. Geller.

Orlando Paschall, 23, of Indianapolis, Indiana was sentenced to 130 months imprisonment with 2 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of conspiracy to commit robbery. According to documents filed in this case, on or about November 13, 2012, Paschall did unlawfully obstruct, delay and affect interstate commerce by knowingly and intentionally conspiring to commit robbery by agreeing to unlawfully take and obtain personal property from another person by means of actual and threatened force, violence and fear of injury to the person. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Fort Wayne Police Department, Allen County Police Department and the New Haven Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina L. Nommay.

Darrell Hayes, 29, of Detroit, Michigan was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment with 1 year supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to documents filed in this case, on or about June 18, 2014, Hayes, being a convicted felon, did possess a firearm and ammunition. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Allen County Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony W. Geller.

Michael Fabini, 35, of Fort Wayne, Indiana was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment with 5 years supervised release, and forfeiture after pleading guilty to the felony offenses of conspiring to distribute and possession with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana and engaging in a monetary transaction in property derived from drug trafficking. According to documents filed in this case, from on or about September 21, 2007, and continuing to on or about December 6, 2012, Fabini did knowingly and intentionally conspire, combine, confederate and agree to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana and on or about August 7, 2009, did knowingly engage in a monetary transaction affecting commerce in depositing \$70,154.99 derived from drug trafficking. This joint investigation was conducted by the Allen County Police Department Vice and Narcotics Division, New Haven Police Department, and the FBI Fort Wayne Safe Streets Task Force, which is comprised of FBI agents and officers from the Indiana State Police, Allen County Police Department, and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony W. Geller.

Luis Juarez-Cabrera, 33, of Warsaw, Indiana was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment with 4 years supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. According to documents filed in this case, on or about December 11, 2012, Juarez-Cabrera did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. This case was the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Tina L. Nommay and Nathaniel C. Henson.

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